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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday,

27th November, 1936.
12th Vrischigam, 1112.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. S. Balarama Ayyar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

Questions and Answers.

The Staff Selection Board—work done by.

101. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila)*– Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the number of sittings that the Staff Selection Board had up to this;

2. the nature of the work done up to this by the Board;

3. did the Board select any candidate for any post; and if so, how many were selected;

4. (a) what is the total number of applications received up to this for the consideration of the Board;

(b) in how many cases has exemption from age-bar been prayed for;

(c) are not 'Vidwan Certificate' holders as a rule above the age of 25?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—1. Five, including the one fixed for tomorrow.

2. Drafting of the application form and the instructions to candidates in the matter of filling up the details; framing of rules for the guidance of the Board in making selection; and selection of candidates.

3. Yes; 53.

4. (a) 1,356 till yesterday.

(b) Statistics have not been taken.

(c) Has not been verified.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Sir, with respect to sub-division 4 (c) is there any minimum age fixed for a candidate who wishes to appear for the Vidwan Certificate Examination?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I think it is 25.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)).*—Generally, Sir, a candidate who passes the Vidwan Examination will be over the age of 25.

Mr. President.—We will be granting exemption, in such cases.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*—This very question was raised when framing the rules and it was agreed that in cases where there is specific stipulation of age, by the academic body, for the candidate sitting for the examination, that age should be adopted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancherri).*—May I know, Sir, what approximately the policy of the Government is with regard to the cases of applications for exemption from age-bar?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The policy of Government has been very clearly stated in G. P. P-3-13648/11, dated 9th October 1936:—

"It has been brought to the notice of Government that, in view of paragraph 2 (d) of the instructions to candidates appended to the form of application for appointment prescribed in Government Proceedings dated 21st September 1936 No. P-3-13648-111, doubts have arisen in certain quarters, regarding the question of exemption from age bar.

2. Standing Order No. 7 already contains provision to exempt candidates who have held acting or temporary appointments in the service before

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they attained the age of 25. There is no intention to abrogate this provision. In the case of such candidates no specific prayer for exemption is necessary.

3. In cases not coming under paragraph 2 above, applications for exemption from age bar should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Cochin, Public and Political Department (services), Huzur Secretariat and not to the Diwan of Cochin. Every application praying for such exemption should mention special and justifying circumstances entitling the candidate to such exemption and must be submitted along with the prescribed form of application for appointment.

4. Exemption from age bar will not ordinarily be granted; but where, other things being equal, a particular community has to be passed over for want of a candidate within the age limit, the Board will make suitable recommendations to Government for exemption in the case of qualified candidates".

102. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Staff Selection has started giving appointments; if so, the number appointed from the different communities?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes; 53 in the order of rotation.

103. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—

I. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the schedule of qualifications published by the Staff Selection Board has retrospective effect;

(b) does the qualification prescribed for employment affect in any way the present incumbents?

II. Will the Government be pleased to issue a Government Proceedings explaining the situation more clearly?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—

I. (a) No.

(b) Yes.

II. Orders already issued are sufficiently explicit.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—If there are undergraduates of 10 or 12 years standing, efficient undergraduates, what objection is there for the Government to appoint them as head clerks where there are graduate managers?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The question is one of reconciling the respective claims and interests of graduates and undergraduates who are already in Service or who are waiting for entry into service. The compromise adopted is that undergraduates might rise up to Rs. 60.

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